

## Gifted Universal Screening 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

“Universal Screening” means the systematic assessment of **all** students within a grade level, for identifying students with exceptional ability or potential, especially students from traditionally underrepresented populations. All students in second and sixth grades are assessed with the *Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) Screener* in late February, or early March.

The CogAT screening tool allows students to show their ability and potential in areas such as reasoning, perception, creativity, motivation and problem solving. The universal screener is not just for the specific purpose of identifying highly capable or gifted students. Data collected through the ECS universal screener provides information to support instructional planning for **all** students.

